AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The following number of medical posts in the para-Military Forces are lying vacant:—

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| BSF | : | 69 |
| CRPF | : | 105 |
| ITBP | : | 40 |
| CISF | : | 7 |
| Assam Rifles | : | 235 |

BSF and ITBP are taking action to fill up the vacancies from the lists of candidates approved by the Government. CRPF are taking action to fill up 59 vacancies from the list of candidates approved by Government and 4 vacancies by promotion. Remaining 42 vacancies are proposed to be filled through direct recruitment by a fresh selection.

The posts in CISF and Assam Rifles are included in the Central Health Services and the Vacancies are continuing because the selected candidates are reluctant to join these posts. The Union Public Service Commission are conducting a special recruitment for filling 200 posts of medical officers in Assam Rifles. Remaining 35 vacancies are proposed to be filled up by posting of doctors from the Central Health Service.

**Amendment of Criminal Procedure Code**

2099. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amend the "Criminal Procedure Code"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Code of Cirminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1988 which was introducted in the Lok Sabha on 13-5-1988, lapsed on dissolution of the Lok Sabha. The question of undertaking legislation on the lines of the lapsed Bill with certain modifications is engaging the attention of the Government.

**Three tier strategy to tackle Kashmir problem**

2100. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS to be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have envolved a 3-tier strategy to tackle the Kashmir-militants problem, continuing the security offensive against secessionists with a fresh move to woo them to give up militancy by offering them an economic package for employment and development;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The Government is continuing with the strong pressure against the terrorists and an effective vigil on the border to contain the infiltration/exfiltration.

For increasing interaction with the people in the State, a State Advisory Council has been recently constituted. Efforts are also continuing to set up in the Valley District Advisory Groups which are already functioning in Jammu region.

A meeting of the leaders of political parties and prominent personalities of the State was held on 13th November 1991. The consultative Committee of the Home Ministry also exclusively discussed the situation in Jammu and Kashmir in its meeting held on 13th December, 1991. The National Integration Council on 31st December, 1991 and all party conference on 10th February, 1992 also deliberated on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

**Detention of Editor of 'Tamil Nation'**

2101. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. Sivanayagam, Editor "Tamil Nation" Magazine has been detained in Tamil Nadu under N.S.A; and